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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JULIO ROCHA,

16cv02327(RJD)

Plaintiff.

-against-

United States Courthouse Brooklyn, New York

CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S, AXIS SPECIALTY EUROPE SE.

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 12:00 p.m.

Defendants.

TRANSCRIPT OF CIVIL CAUSE FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE BEFORE THE HONORABLE RAYMOND J. DEARIE [!JUDGE TYPE]

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seeking back close to \$400,000 in what they specifically call salary and bonuses and other compensation. So I think right there is enough to demonstrate that he was -- they considered him to be a de facto employee.

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Now, even if that weren't the case, left unaddressed by defendants in their papers and here today is the catchall broad provision in 1.3 that says Coverage is provided to a general agent or representative of FIFA. Now, even defendants can't argue that he was not a general agent or representative of FIFA. He was paid to be FIFA's head development officer for Latin America, and there is simply no argument on that. That is reflected in the employment agreement which they have hung their hat on with respect to the employee/employer status. It says This agreement does only authorize and entitle the DO, Mr. Rocha, to act as a representative of FIFA in any de facto dejure capacity upon instructions. Put that together with Mr. Rocha's affidavit, which is unrebutted, there is no affidavit from FIFA, if FIFA was so concerned about this matter, all the insurers had to do was call them up and say we saw that you filed a Complaint for restitution from Mr. Rocha as your employee, but we'd like you to submit an affidavit because apparently defendants belief their interests are implicated, FIFA's. That was their argument earlier. Why not have them submit an affidavit? They didn't. It is unrebutted at this stage.

organization, also has simply not responded. We will be following up on that. But we have no information indicating that there is any available other insurance that covered for Mr. Rocha at this point. So the only policy and the policy designed to respond is the FIFA policy.

THE COURT: So he and you are really on the rope?

MR. HARDIMAN: Yes, your Honor. Again, that's why
we are here for a preliminary injunction. We wish we
weren't. We thought that the Li decision was pretty clear,
certainly on the jurisdictional questions.

On the forum non conveniens rulings, those are legal rulings which are binding in this case as a related case, yet defendants are still arguing about this. They won't even accept service. Their attorneys are here and they won't even accept service. I understand they may be entitled to do so, but I think that's a sign of what we are dealing with in terms of the kind of good faith obligations that they have under the insurance policy.

THE COURT: I thought that under the terms of the
-- I was about to use the word convention, you can serve in
the manner that you served, by e-mail and so forth.

MR. HARDIMAN: That's what we have laid out in our papers, but, apparently, defendants disagree and are disputing. I mean, we have served in the manner prescribed by the policy, in the manner we believe is permitted under

There is simply no argument on the representative and general agent capacity in Section 1.3, in addition to the other capacities that we have laid out.

THE COURT: Let's go back to jurisdiction. I'd like to hear from you on that.

MR. HARDIMAN: Yes. Well, as a preliminary matter, Your Honor, I don't think we should be hearing arguments about jurisdiction. This is a rehash of a ruling that's already been made. That is binding in this case, is our position.

THE COURT: Not so fast. There are some differences between this and Mr. Li's situation, not the least of which is, of course, the carrier came running in here to Federal Court on point. I don't know how much you read into it in terms of the analysis, but -- so I'm not sure I am bound by that.

MR. HARDIMAN: Okay. We'd respectfully --

THE COURT: Again, I'm very sensitive to this whole idea of not wanting to get into refereeing insurance battles for every nickel, dime case that comes down the pike, and this is certainly not a nickel, dime case.

MR. HARDIMAN: We think that it is law of the case because it is a pure legal issue and there's no differentiating factor with Mr. Rocha in this particular case. With respect to the coverage provisions, yes, it is a